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Finance Division

2 October 1951

Office of General Counsel

Travel Authority for [REDACTED]

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1. This is in reference to your memorandum, dated 17 November 1950, to this office regarding subject. Our log does not indicate receipt of the original, and the copy contained in the attached file is the first indication that we have had. Since paragraph 3 mentions the case of [REDACTED] and we provide an opinion on that case on 27 November 1950, we assume that the cases of [REDACTED] may have been withheld pending a decision on the [REDACTED] matter. The basic question in each case is related to the phrase "for the convenience of the Government", and as presented in your memorandum of 17 November, asks: "Can the Finance Division Certifying Officer accept the general statement 'for the convenience of the Government' as being a proper and final determination permitting reimbursement of travel expenses to be made from official funds, or must the Certifying Officer examine into the reasons for travel to determine if they were official or personal, and if the reasons are personal require payments or refund of the expenses as provided by Public Law 600 (or Public Law 830)." The matter has been informally referred to us in connection with a memorandum, dated 12 September 1951, from the Audit Division to you.

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2. We are forwarding a copy of our opinion in the [REDACTED] case for your guidance. While the regulations do not yet specify the final repository of authority for determination of "convenience of the Government", we do not believe it is necessary to distinguish the subject cases from the [REDACTED] case and the comments in paragraph 3 of our memorandum are reaffirmed.

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3. The file is returned herewith.

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File in regard to [REDACTED]
Memo dated 27 November 1950, fr. OGC to Finance,
subject [REDACTED]

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